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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A system for a mobile telephone network, the system comprising:

a text message receiving means for receiving over the mobile telephone network a text message sent to a mobile telephone network destination address;

a redirect information means for receiving and storing a text message redirect instruction associated with one of the mobile telephone network destination addresses;

a database for storing a mapping of the mobile telephone network destination addresses onto data network destination addresses in a data network;

an address obtaining means for obtaining a data network destination address from said mapping in said database in dependence on the mobile telephone network destination address of a text message received by the text message receiving means; and

an email means for forming an email from the text in a text message received by the text message receiving means in dependence on redirect information received in advance of the text message in the redirect information means, and sending the email over the data network to the data network destination address obtained for the email by the address obtaining means.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 13, wherein the text message is a fixed length message.

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 13, wherein the redirect information is received from a subscriber.

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16. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 13, wherein the redirect information includes a time period for which the text messages are to be converted into email messages and delivered over the data network.

17. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 13, further comprising a portable radio telephone for communicating in the mobile telephone network.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a mobile telephone network having a plurality of redirection states but only capable of being in one redirection state for a specific destination address at any one time, the method comprising:

receiving a text message sent to a mobile telephone network destination address;

determining [[a]]the redirection state of the mobile telephone network associated with the mobile telephone network destination address; and

in dependence upon the redirection state, performing one of:

sending the text message to the mobile telephone network destination address; or

converting the text message to an email message and sending the email message over a data network to a data network destination address associated with the mobile telephone network destination address.

19. (New) A portable radio telephone for communicating in the mobile telephone network as claimed in claim 1.